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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-88 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-88 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 September 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date see attached.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. **Claim 53** is objected to because of the following informalities: function at line 3 is misspelled. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. **Claim 78** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the parent claim dependency in line 1 is not clear (i.e., please remove reference to 77).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. **Claims 1-3, 5, 9-12, 17-20, 43-45, 47, 51-54, and 59-62** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,216,747 A to *Hardwick et al.* ("*Hardwick*").

As to **claim 1**, see e.g., column 7, lines 30-37 where autocorrelation is used in estimating the pitch period. In particular, see e.g., figure 9 where a threshold is a function of not only the pitch P and the frequencies in the band, but also the energy of the

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signal used in detecting voice, see e.g., column 10, lines 27-67. Specifically $r(n)$ (shown as part of equation 1) is an autocorrelation function used to determine the pitch tracking which predicts the pitch period for the next frame (i.e., estimates the pitch period).

As to **claim 2**, both look-back tracking and look-ahead tracking are supported using at least two other frames (i.e., a first, second, and third frame), see e.g., column 3, lines 39-67.

As to **claim 3**, see e.g., column 10, lines 27-67 where power is also used in determining if voice should be selected.

As to **claim 5**, see similar rejection to claim 1 with respect to pitch period.

As to **claims 9-10**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claims 11**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claims 12**, see similar rejection to claim 3.

As to **claim 17**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claims 18**, see similar rejection to claim 2.

As to **claims 19**, see similar rejection to claim 3.

As to **claims 20**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 43**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 44**, see similar rejection to claim 2.

As to **claim 45**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 47**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 51**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 52**, see similar rejection to claim 2.

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As to **claim 53**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 54**, see similar rejection to claim 3.

As to **claim 59**, see similar rejection to claim 1. Also see the background as well.

As to **claim 60**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 61**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 62**, see similar rejection to claim 3.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. **Claims 6-8, 14-16, 22-24, 48-50, 56-58, and 64-66 and x** are rejected under 35 U.S.C.

103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,216,747 A to *Hardwick et al.* ("*Hardwick*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,282,406 to *Yato et al.* ("*Yato*").

As to **claim 6-8**, *Hardwick* is silent or deficient to specific ranges for a characteristic. In particular, *Hardwick* is silent or deficient to a pitch period in the range of 60-400 Hz, one period shift being in the range of 0.25-0.45 of the amplitude of the autocorrelation signal with no shift (i.e., $r[0]$), and a peak amplitude of the shifted autocorrelated signal being less than 0.75 to 0.90 of the peak amplitude. *Yato* teaches the above limitations. For example, a pitch period is taught at column 1, lines 10-22; one period being shifted in the range of 0.25-0.45 at column 4, lines 30-54; and a peak amplitude signal being less than 0.75 to 0.90 at column 5, lines 8-37. The examiner

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proposes to modify *Hardwick* to include the above-mentioned ranges. Thus the examiner notes that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art prior to applicant's invention to include a pitch period in the range of 60-400 Hz, a one period shift being in the range of 0.25-0.45 and the shifted autocorrelation signal being less than 0.75-0.90 of the peak amplitude. In particular, one skilled in the art would have been motivated to include a pitch period between 60-400 Hz since tones are typically found in this period, a one period shift being in the range of 0.25-0.45 and a peak amplitude signal being less than 0.75-0.90 of the peak amplitude to determine if the incoming signal is voice. *Yato* provides the above motivation show e.g., in figures 5a and 5b.

As to **claim 14**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

As to **claim 15**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

As to **claim 16**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

As to **claim 22**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

As to **claim 23**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

As to **claim 24**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

As to **claim 48**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

As to **claim 49**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

As to **claim 50**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

As to **claim 56**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

As to **claim 57**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

As to **claim 58**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

As to **claim 64**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

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As to **claim 65**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

As to **claim 66**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

8. **Claims 25, 26, 27-30, 35-37, 39, 67-72, 77-79, 81, and 85-88** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,216,747 A to *Hardwick et al.* ("*Hardwick*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,535,521 B1 to *Barghouti et al.* ("*Barghouti*").

As to **claims 25 and 26**, *Hardwick* may be silent or deficient in specifically mentioning a telephone and telephone network. *Barghouti* teaches a telephone and a telephone network, see e.g., figure 1. In particular, *Barghouti* teaches using voice-activity detectors at gateways in addition to translating a PSTN call to IP, see e.g., column 6, lines 34-55. Examiner purposes to modify *Hardwick* by clarifying that the voice detection module is found in a gateway device which is connected using the PSTN and telephone. Examiner notes that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art prior to applicant's invention to further include a telephone and a PSTN as the network. In particular, one skilled in the art would be motivated to communicate with legacy networks such as the PSTN. As such, *Barghouti* discloses the above-motivation e.g., in figure 1. Examiner notes a reasonable expectation of success since both reference disclose detecting voice.

As to **claim 67**, see similar rejection to claim 25.

As to **claim 68**, see similar rejection to claim 26.

As to **claim 27**, *Hardwick* may be silent or deficient to using a resource manager to invoke the voice detector during the voice band data exchange, the resource manger further terminating the voiceband data exchange and invoking the voice enhancer when

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the voice detector detects voice in the signal. *Barghouti* teaches using a resource manager. In particular, *Barghouti* teaches using a resource manager to process speech frames using a backend module and not use a back end module when processing non-speech frames, see e.g., column 3, lines 45-63. Examiner purposes to modify *Hardwick* by clarifying that a resource manager is used to invoke the voice detector during the voice band data exchange, the resource manager further terminating the voiceband data exchange and invoking the voice enhancer when the voice detector detects voice in the signal. Examiner notes that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art prior to applicant's invention to teach the above-limitation. In particular, one skilled in the art would be motivated to offload the backend modules during periods of non-speech to help reduce the power consumption. As such, *Barghouti* discloses the above-motivation e.g., in the abstract. Examiner notes a reasonable expectation of success since both reference disclose detecting voice.

As to **claim 28**, see similar rejection to claim 2.

As to **claim 29**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 30**, see similar rejection to claim 3.

As to **claim 35**, see similar rejection to claim 27.

As to **claim 36**, see similar rejection to claim 2.

As to **claim 37**, see similar rejection to claim 3.

As to **claim 39**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 69**, see similar rejection to claim 27.

As to **claim 70**, see similar rejection to claim 2.

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As to **claim 71**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 72**, see similar rejection to claim 3.

As to **claim 77**, see similar rejection to claim 27.

As to **claim 78**, see similar rejection to claim 2.

As to **claim 79**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 81**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 85**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 86**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 87**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

As to **claim 88**, see similar rejection to claim 1.

9. **Claims 32-34, 40-42, and 82-84**, and x are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,216,747 A to *Hardwick et al.* ("*Hardwick*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,282,406 to *Yato et al.* ("*Yato*") and U.S. Patent No. 6,535,521 B1 to *Bargouti et al.* ("*Barghouti*").

As to **claim 32**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

As to **claim 33**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

As to **claim 34**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

As to **claim 40**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

As to **claim 41**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

As to **claim 42**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

As to **claim 82**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

As to **claim 83**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

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As to **claim 84**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

10. **Claims 4, 13, 21, 55, and 63**, and x are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,216,747 A to *Hardwick et al.* ("*Hardwick*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,331,837 to *Soumagne*.

As to **claims 4, 13, 21, 55, and 63**, *Hardwick* discloses using a power threshold but is silent or deficient to the range used such as the range -45 to -55 dBm specified in the limitation. *Soumagne* teaches the above limitation when selecting values, see e.g., figure 8. In particular, *Soumagne* selects a range of detecting speech from -42 to -60 dBm thus meeting the limitation. The examiner proposes to modify *Hardwick* to include the above range for detecting voice as taught by *Soumagne*. Examiner notes that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art prior to applicant's invention to use the above range in detecting voice. The proposed motivation would be that the power under -60 dBm is usually attributed to silence and power above -42 dBm is usually attributed to noise or invalid sounds. In particular, *Soumagne* teaches the above motivation e.g., at column 11.

11. **Claims 38, 46, 73 and 80**, and x are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,216,747 A to *Hardwick et al.* ("*Hardwick*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,535,521 B1 to *Bargouti et al.* ("*Barghouti*") and U.S. Patent No. 4,331,837 to *Soumagne*.

As to **claims 38, 46, 73 and 80**, see similar rejection to claim 4.

12. **Claims 31, and 74-76**, and x are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,216,747 A to *Hardwick et al.* ("*Hardwick*") in view of U.S. Patent No.

4,282,406 to *Yato et al.* ("Yato") and U.S. Patent No. 6,535,521 B1 to *Bargouti et al.*
("Barghouti") and U.S. Patent No. 4,331,837 to *Soumagne*.

As to **claim 31**, see similar rejection to claim 4.

As to **claim 74**, see similar rejection to claim 6.

As to **claim 75**, see similar rejection to claim 7.

As to **claim 76**, see similar rejection to claim 8.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Derrick W. Ferris whose telephone number is (571) 272-3123. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. E.S.T.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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